

NEVVES¹⁸
FROM
YORKE.

Being

A true Relation of the proceedings of Sir *Hug^b*
Cholmley since his coming to *Scarboroug^b* : with the
reasons why he did not march to *Tadcaster*, as was de-
sired by the Lord *F A I R F A X*.

Directed in two severall Letters to the Speaker
of the Honourable House of Commons, with his
advice of the affaires of the County.

Together with the opinion of his Officers
concerning his repaire backe to
Scarboroug^b.



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FROM

THE
REASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
CHAMBERS OF COMMONS TO THE SENATE: WITH THE
REASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AS IT IS
DIRECTED IN TWO LETTERS TO THE SPEAKER
OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WITH THE
ADVICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE CHAMBERS.

RECEIVED WITH THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICE
SARAH POWELL
SECRETARY.



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Several Letters
of my Honors from the rest of the Army, is by the House of Commons intended to be very prejudicial to the service of the Kingdom, as that this place is conceived not to be very usefull. The former of which particulars I recched so much upon my dissencion and how now, as for my vindication I must crave you favour in presenting this inclosed to the House, containing my whole deportment since I came hither, which it is proye to my justification. I shall humbly crave of the House to be upon it, if for her wife, that it may be fully made answer to any particular may stidem with them. After to do according to my deserts: for if I have failed in my duty, I am unworthy to be employed longer in publick service: if not, I trust they will not think it reasonable shoulde yonder see her ylo a censur. I hope my remeving to Scarborough will appear to be upon good grounds, & only to discharge the trust upon me; and that my non obeying my lord's late orders, can be no great crime; since I protest I did not then, now, or a good simeyngt know the power he had over us: for I shoud not then so much have templed, in respect his command had beene of security to me for any inconveniencie which might have happened: nor can I say either I ever differred from what he propounded, following this last, to cast my selfe and forces into the West Riding so remote from my charge. For those severall orders mentioned in the printed papers, to which it is said, I found such impediments, I could not obey them, had but the times beepe mentioned, or copies of them produced, I could have answered; and till then I must put them in ballance with the severall hundred men (as said in print too) that I retreated with to Scarborough. Sir, if the affaires of this Country are not in so good a condition as a few weeks agoe there was noes for I humblye beseeche the House the blamc may not be (as it seemes some would have it) wholly imputed to my neglect? For to speake plainly and clearly, I thinke it proceeds from this cause, that we did

not next to the City of Yorke, and made some attencion upon it, (wherein I shall make my forwardnesse manifest) and if wee had not prevailed before my People of Newcastles approach neare us, yet we had beene unites in a body to have opposed him. For the other
garrisoning this Castle, I offer the opinion of all my Capraines, which I thinke may bee considered how faire it may bee
what we have I would there by make advantage to continue this
garrison: For since I am so unfortunate, as the care of the place
makes my actions subject to misconstruction, and that I am so little
thought upon, as there is neither course taken for supply of money or
armes amiss, nor that I can receive commission or instruction for my
bordersire, I shall most humbly beseech the House to discharge
me of this charge. And howe I have acted, I have not failed in my
paines and faithfullnesse since I daenorish her. Nor as I did not seeke
the employmēt, so was I not drawn into action by private ends, but
out of desire to contribute my poore endeavours to the setting the
true of the Gospells liberty of the Subject, and peace of the King-
dom, with all my trust and heartily pray for, and that with as much
honour as possibly may be to his Majestē. For if there be not a good
understanding between him and his Parliament shortly, so that those
unhappysyldistractiōns may be composed, to my judgement the King-
dome is in danger to be fained: I shall not neede further to relate
howe affaires stand herein respect the bearer my Lieutenant Colonel,
and information in every particular, and therefore will only addē my de-
sire to the shewe of you, as I shall ever approove my selfe, Sir,

John Cholmely
Your most humble Servt.

Another Letter
S, before my coming to Scarboroue, or that I could draw
any considerable forces hither, a great part of my Regiment
was disarmed: and this place being at an out Angle, I did not
wishes to draw together, four hundred
men, and being much importuned by Sir John Hopton to march
towards Yorke, I acquainted my Capraines with it, who joyantly

presented their opinions and advice in writing to dissuade me, in respect of the weake condition I should be in with so small a strength of the enemy at Yorke, who was then reported two thousand: Yet conceiving my advancing into the Country would be much for the service of the publicke, leaving only one hundred and twelve men of thereupon in the Castle, I marched from hence with under three hundred foot, and quartered at Stamford bridge within five miles of Yorke: then two hundred and twenty men more came to me from Sir John *Hotcham*, and these with two troopes of horse was my whole strength, and with them, as I was desired, I was deavoured to cut off all supply from the City, but finding an impossibility to doe it at that distance we were, I moved both my Lord *Fairfax* and Sir *John Hotcham* that we might quarter our selves within the Suburbs of the City, and having as I thought by a letter I writte to my Lord Major set the mindes of many of the Citizens not to endure a siege, I resolved my selfe, though none joyned with me to fast upon some part of the Suburbs, and for that purpose sent for a great Ordnance to Scarborough, and when she was within two miles of my quarters at Stamford bridge, I was forced to send her backe againe, in respect I received a letter from Sir *Christopher Wray*, Captain *Hotcham* and Captain *Hatcher* that they were advanced towardes the Tees, to stop the Earl of Newcastle's passage into Yorkshir, and desired me to march up to them, which as I was preparing to doe, comes another letter from them for my stay, where I was at Bygge till I heard further from them, and though perhaps they afforwarded some letters whiche came not to my hands, yet upon the first from my Lord *Fairfax* desiring my march to Thirsk, the next morning I broke up in quarters, and marched to Malton, where I met Colonel *Boynton*, who being commandado to march two dayes before me was retreated thidier, in respect the enemy advanced so fast, he could not come to joyn with Captain *Hotcham*, and bitherto Malton my Lord *Fairfax* wrie to Colonel *Boynton*, and my selfe, that we would march backe into the East, and by passing some Farnes come uppon his quarters at Tadcaster, which I professe I was resolved to doe, but I found all my Captains of a contrary opinion, and to dissuade them

from that time and then I began more seriously to thinke of the busynesse, and resolved it was fit for me to reapeare to Scarborough with some forces for those reasons: First, my order was to reapeare with my Regiment to Scarborough, and principally to secure the Castle and Towne, and to continue or remoue from time to time as I should receive directions and order from the Parliament, the Lord General for the safety of the Kingdome. Secondly, I had left the Castle with a weake garrison, ill fortified, not a Platforme or Outgasse mounted within the walls, unviciualled, ill provided with ammounition, there being but cleven barrells of powder. Thirdly, though I was willing to march to any place to oppose the enemis passage into the Countrey, or to give him battell, and bring the busynesse to an issue, yet I thought it not fit to be cast into any part of the Countrey where I might not upon any occasion resort to my charge, nor was there any certainty, if the enemy once got into Yorke when we should encounter with him. Fourthly, when I marched from Scarborough, I left no enemy at my backe, my party was masters of the field, I could resort to my charge upon every occasion, the case was now otherwise, should I have gone with my forces as was desired into the West, I should have left a powerfull enemy behinde, that might have marched hither without opposition, and as my Captaines conceived might have taken the Castle without much difficulty in the condition it then was. Fifthly, my march from Scarborough was against the consent and opinion of my Captaines, and though I had craved the Committees approbation for my doing so, and their further directions, I could never obtaine it: so that having marched from thence against my Captaines consent, & not to retire when they conceiued it of such necessity, I thought it would be interpreted beyond the bounds of my order or discretion, and not sitteng with the discharge of the trust imposed on me. Sixtly, I had not money to pay those forces with me a wEEke, nor had left for the garrison much longer. So for these reasons I thought fit, and resolved to reapeare to Scarborough with some forces, which were under three hundred foot, and forty horse, yet had I luggage, as well as I could of the publicke, to satisfie my Lord Fairfax his desires. I declared my
opinion

opinion of a Captain Coloneill Seyson to march with all his forces
to the Lord Fairfax, and he being very ready, and the resolution made,
I designed Captain Mardon, and Captain Marmaduke Cooper which
were with me, with the two hundred and twenty foote sent me from
Sir John Hotham to march with him, and in respect we were informed
the enemy had drawne some forces on the other side of the river of
Derwent, opposite to whdrc Coloneill Seyson was to quarter the said
night, I did lend my carriages, and the foot being in number as I said
under three hundred, from Malton the direct way to Scarborough,
but my selfe with my forty horse, marched the first day along
with Coloneill Seyson, and then apprehending there would
bee no great danger betwene that place and the Ferry whither
they were directed; I marched the next day to Scarborough, which
I think was so far from a disservice, as it was advantagious in these
particulars; I strengthened the garrison, I brought a supply of as
many battells of powder as I had left in the Magazine, as likewise
two peeces of small Ordnance, of which there was great need at the
Castle. I have fortified the place in much better manner then it was:
And lastly, by returning thither I got a supply of money from the
adjacent parts, without which, we could not have subsisted till this
time, and though by these reasons I was induced to retreat, it was
not with an intention to immure my self in the Castle, but resolved as
soone as I had fortified the same, and left it in better security to march
to my Lord Fairfax with my troope, and such a number as could
be spared from the Castle, and might be mounted for Dragoones,
which I had performed before this, but that I was drawne another
way by commandments from the Lord Fairfax.

Now this resolution being duly considered, I hope it will not ap-
pear I have been remiss in performing my duty to the publicke, or
the service and trust committed to me, nor yet that the Lord Fairfax
in the managing of his affaires, could receive much prejudice by my
resignation, considering how few I draw with me, except the presence of
my selfe, person should be more considerable then my name, or the
printed paper makes me.

Mr. Cholmley.

IT being propounded unto us by our Colonell Sir Hugh Cholmeley to declare our opinions touching the proposition for our marching from Malton to Tadcaster, wee have with the said Colonell had a conference touching that the Castle of Scarboroughe was to be within our Garrison, unfortified, unprovided of ammunitiōn or victuals. And as the place seemes to our judgement to be of greaſe importance, ſome had reaſon to thinke the enemy had a ſpeciall eye towards it. That all our forces ſhould have beeſe drawne ſo remote from Scarboroughe, the enemy might have advanced hither without opposition, and have beeſe master of the towne and place without any great diſſiculty. And therefore we gave our opinions and aduices, that it wchſit & requisite our Colonell ſhould retreat to Scarborough with three hundred foot which was all the forces belonging to that Regiment, except thoſe amſt him within the Castle, to fortifie and ſecure the place betwixt them. But as hee preſent, or elſe hee could not discharge the truſt that was repreſed in him: And for the ſtrength of the Castle, we conceive, the ſame being well fortifieſ, and victualled, that a Garrison of three hundred men will be able to deſend it, againſt any force that can come to oppoſe it.

And we do further conceive, the ſame to be a place of ver y great conſequēce, for these reaſons: 1. That he who is Commander of the Castle hath a great power over the adjaſtent parts of the Country. 2. That he may be ſupplied with ſome ſtore to ſupply the enemy, and that if the enemy were to poffeſſ thereof, it lies ſo oppoſite to Holland, or Denmarke, that he might take opportunity to ſend men or proviſions from thence hither in deſpite of any Navy upon the ſea.

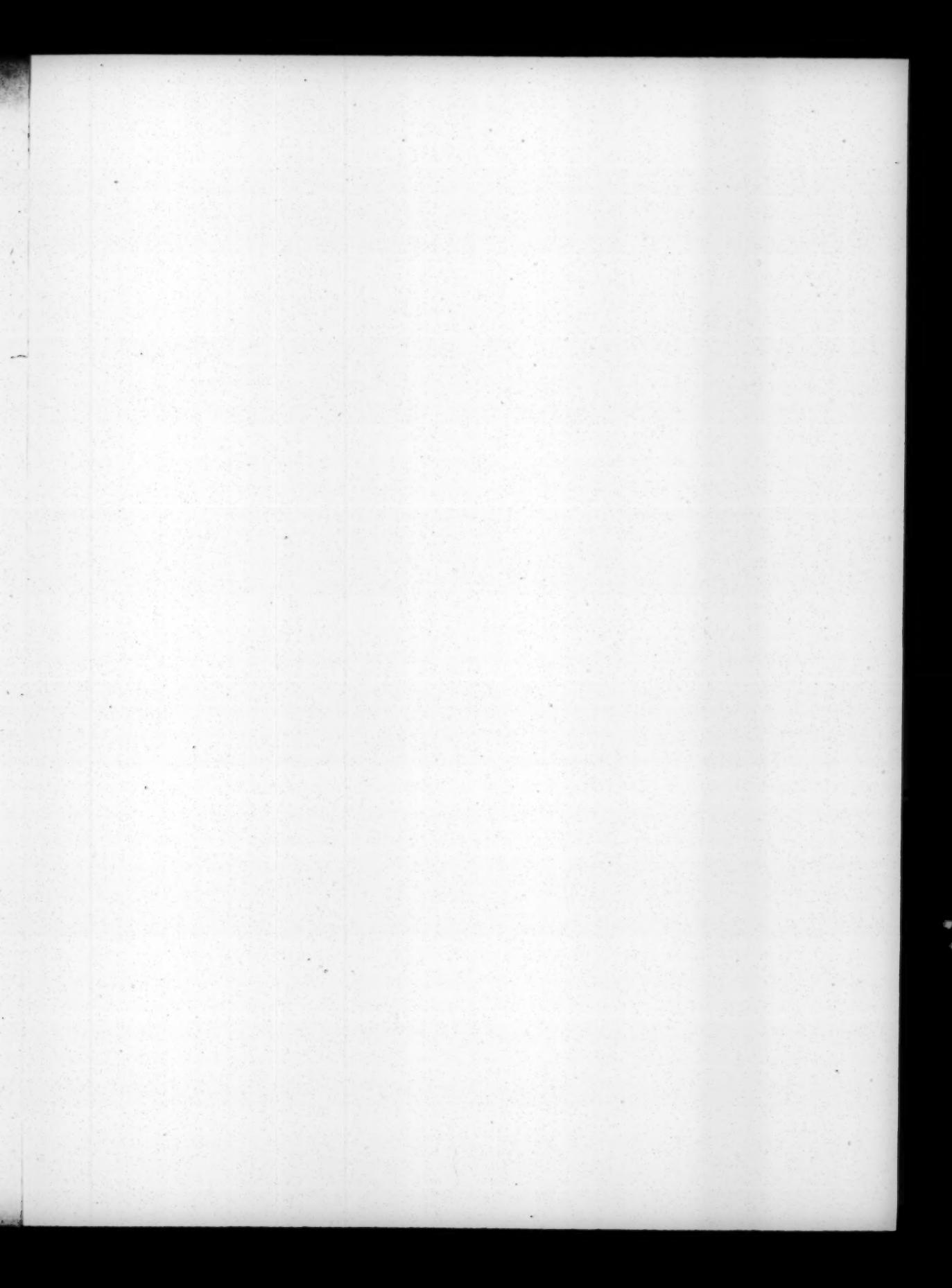
3. That from this place, Ordnance or Cartridges may paſſe in the depth of winter to York without diſſiculty, which cannot be done from Newcastle both in reſpect of the diſtance and illiſſe of the wayes. 4. This Fort lies more conveniently then any other in the Kingdome for Pinnaſon, may upon every occaſion make out and binden the bringing of Armes or Ammunition from Holland or Denmarke.

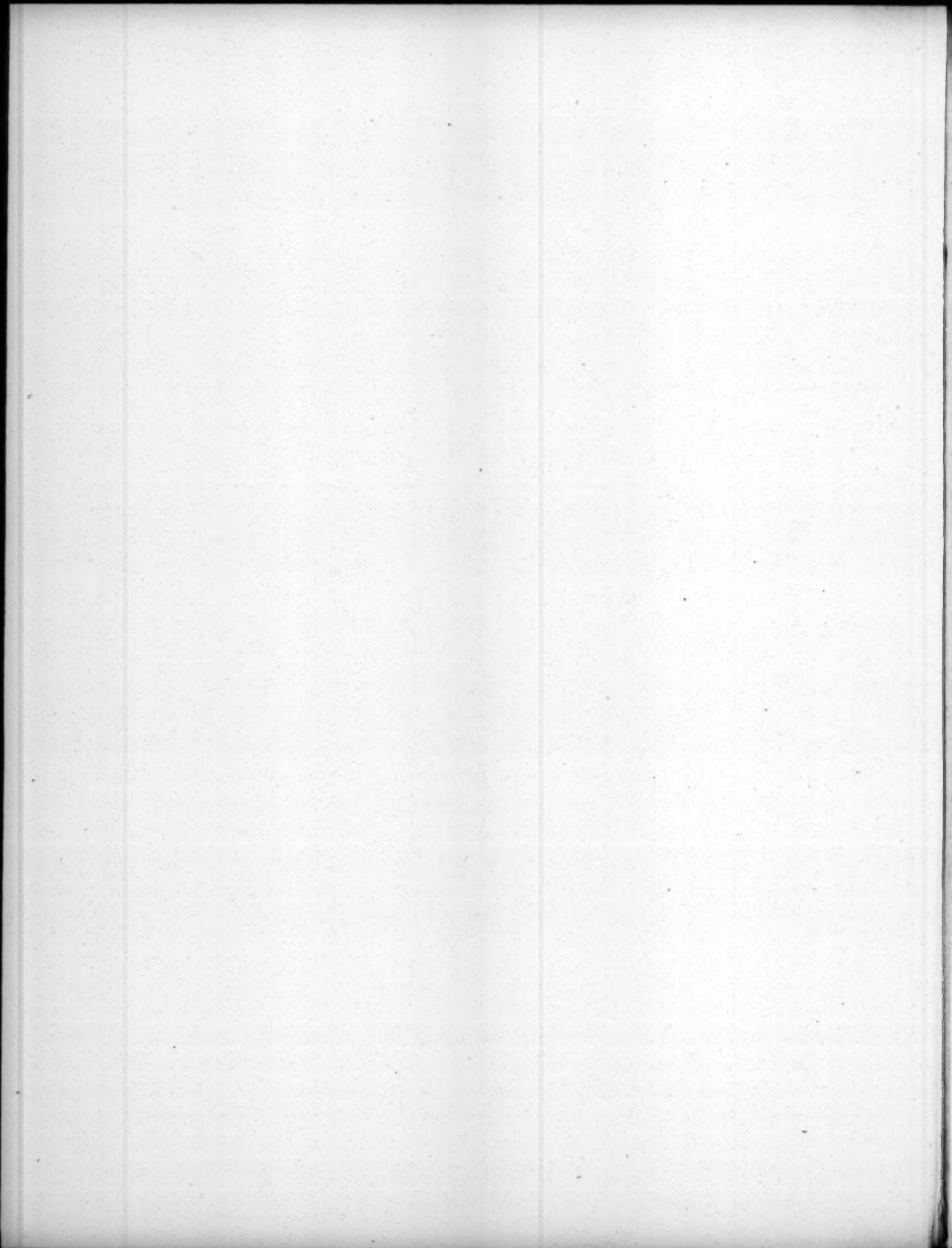
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When my Colonell was at Malton with his Forces, I was at Scarboroughe in reſt with the Castle, ſo that I was not then preſent to give my opinion for our retreat. At his command hither there were ouer eleven barrels of powder in the Castle, one hundred and twelve men, twelftys of which were for ſervice, not victuals for ten daies ſerueth them, neȳ any one piece of Ordnance mounted within the Castle, and therefore I conuineinately accouſtry for him to withdrawe, for ſupplying all theſe and other deſeſts.

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